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For: "Bouncing Pet Toy" )	
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Sir:	

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

## IN THE CLAIMS:

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Add the following new claims:

11. A method of simultaneously cleaning an animal's teeth and massaging its gums comprising a steps of:

providing a deflectable biting surface for the animal, the
biting surface having a first pair of spaced inner and outer ribs on one side
of the biting surface and a second pair of spaced inner and outer ribs on the
other side of the biting surface; and

causing the animal to bite down with a tooth on the biting surface wherein the biting surface is deflected so that the inner rib of each pair of ribs engages opposite sides of the tooth and the outer ribs of each pair of ribs engages and massages the gum of the animal adjacent the tooth.

12. A method, as claimed in Claim 11, wherein: